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1. Prior to 27 September 1951, two armies of the 4 Field Army were sent from Kwangtung to Kwangsi near the Indochina border. These armies were identified as the 47 and 49 Armies, which returned from Korea in June 1951 after suffering casualties exceeding three-fourths of their total strength. The ranks have been filled with recruits from Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

2. In early October Chinese Communist Central Government authorities notified CH'EN Keng, commander of the 4 Army Group, that troops under his command will be supplied with Soviet equipment and sent to Indochina as volunteers in the near future to assist the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) in fighting the French.

3. In early September a branch office of the DRV trade bureau headed by YUAN Yung-ch'eng (阮永成) was established in Nanning. On 18 September, 23 trucks attached to this office arrived at Nanning from Hsiying (110-24, 21-11) via Yulin (110-08, 22-38) carrying signal supplies, medicines and industrial chemicals.

4. On 21 September the joint Sino-Soviet-DRV Rear Service Command at Nanning shipped 15 mountain guns from Nanning to Cao Bang via T'ientung (107-06, 23-37) and Chinghai (106-25, 23-09). The Chinese Communists escorted the convoy with five armored cars as protection against local anti-Communist

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guerrillas.

- 25X1 5. On 24 September, 12 trench mortars, 1,000 rifles, 300 cases of trench mortar ammunition, 400 cases of rifle ammunition, and 45 cases of medical supplies were sent by water from Whampoa to the DRV via Hsiying with one hundred Chinese Communist troops as guards.
6. On 25 September the ninth shipment of Aid to Indochina supplies from Kwangtung, consisting of 500 large boxes of ammunition from Hsinnan (新南) Arsenal at Shihching (石井), in north Canton, and 3,000 Model-60 (sic) gunshells and two tons of gasoline from a warehouse at Whampoa were loaded aboard the freighter HAI CHIEH (海捷), a converted landing craft. The vessel was scheduled to leave Whampoa for south Kwangtung via Shihch'i (石岐) and Ch'ianshan (113-32, 22-14).
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